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RIVER FLEET URGED TO WORK HARDER;  
MANY RIVER STEAMSHIP LINES OPEN

TASKS SET FOR MOSKVA RIVER TRANSPORT -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 92, 20 Apr 49

At a meeting of river transport workers of Moscow and Moscow Oblast, Z. A. Shashkov, Minister of River Fleet, spoke on the tasks of Moskva river transport workers during 1949. Recalling that the Moscow Party Conference had pledged water transport workers to fulfill the 1950 plan by 1949. Shashkov stated that the workers of the Moskva-Volga Canal Shipping Line must increase shipping this year by 29 percent in order to fulfill the pledge. This can be attained by increasing the shipment of local building materials and petroleum, he said. This meeting of transport workers was also attended by representatives of Moscow industry and railroads.

NEW PASSENGER SHIP LINES OPEN -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 94, 22 Apr 49

A new passenger shipping line from Moscow to Gor'kiy will be opened in a few days. Twelve ships will service this line. A passenger line from Moscow to Ufa will be opened on 1 June. This new line, extending more than 2,500 kilometers, will travel by way of the Moskva, Oka, Volga, Kama, and Belaya rivers.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 92, 20 Apr 49

The Ufa-Moscow Steamship Line has been re-established. A passenger ship will leave from Ufa every 5 days.

Leningradskaya Pravda, No 85, 12 Apr 49

A new passenger steamship line was opened today on the Neva River between Leningrad and Petrokrepost'. Steamers will make three round-trips daily.

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**NAVIGATION STARTS ON VOLGA RIVER -- Pravda, No 114, 24 Apr 49**

The Volga River was free of ice on 23 April. A fast passenger Diesel ship left Gor'kiy at noon on its first trip to Astrakhan'. Navigation has started on all local lines.

River transport workers in Gor'kiy decided to speed up the turnover of ships and take over additional freight from the railroads in order to release over 40,000 railroad cars for the needs of national economy.

**Vechernaya Moshva, No 87, 13 Apr 49**

Navigation is open along 600 kilometers of the Volga, from its mouth to Kamyshev, it was announced 13 April 1949.

**URAL RIVER NAVIGATION STARTS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 74, 16 Apr 49**

Navigation on the Ural River has started. The first steamer, Dossor, departed from Gur'yev, towing a group of petroleum barges out to sea. On its return trip, the steamer will go up the river, towing barges with freight for the miners of the Inderskiy Mine, the cattle-breeders of Ispul'skiy Rayon, and the fishermen of Bakayskiy Rayon.

**AMUR RIVER CROSSING DISCONTINUED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 71, 26 Mar 49**

The Executive Committee of the Khabarovsk City Soviet of Workers' Deputies has issued the following decree:

Automobile and truck transport across the Amur River is prohibited from 25 March 1949 and foot travel from 30 March. Those guilty of violating this decree will be subject to a warning, a fine up to 100 rubles or up to 30 days of corrective labor. The militia will be responsible for carrying out the decree.

**DON RIVER ADMINISTRATION PUBLISHES NEW MAP -- Rechnoy Transport, No 29, 12 Apr 49**

Early in 1949, the Technical Division of the Don River Basin Administration published a new pilot's map of the Don River section between Rostov and Krasnodonskaya. This map included the latest data secured by research parties over a considerable period of time.

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